



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>.

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Region 9, San Francisco, California

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Jan 30 – Feb 1	Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC)	San Francisco, CA	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov
Feb. 27-28	2007 TRI National Conference	Washington, DC	Mia Sealey, 202-624-3662 msealey@sso.org www.ecos.org
Apr 24-26	Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC)	San Francisco, CA	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov
Jul 24-26	Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC)	Pechanga, CA	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov
Oct 15-16	Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC) in conjunction with the Tribal Annual Conference	Elko, NV	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov

Sponsors: University of Arizona and the International Economic Development Conference

Jan 21-25	39 th Annual Arizona Economic Development Council	Tucson, AZ	Bob McNichols, 928-753-6110 or http://www.RezBuilders.com
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Hosted: Oak Mortality Taskforce:

Mar 5-9	Sudden Oak Death Conference	Santa Rosa, CA	http://nature.berkeley.edu/comtf/ Katie Palmieri, 510-847-5482
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Sponsor: Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Feb 26–Mar 1	National RCAP Conference	Long Beach, CA	http://www.rcac.org
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Sponsor: Sustainable Development Institute

Jun 11-15	Sharing Indigenous Wisdom: An International Dialogue on Sustainable Development Conference	Green Bay, WI	www.SharingIndigenousWisdom.org or Sustainable Development Institute
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Sponsor: Cal/EPA

May 29-Jun 1	14 th Annual Cal/EPA Cross Media Enforcement Symposium	Napa, CA	http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/enfsym.htm
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Trainings



Sponsor: Department of Homeland Security/FEMA

Jan. 22	National Implementation Management Systems (NIMS)	Sacramento, CA	Susan Waller 510-627-7275 (phone Susan.waller@dhs.gov or Bradley.mathew@dhs.gov)
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Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Jan 30- Feb 2*	Tribal Transfer Station Operation Training	Reno, NV	Elizabeth Forsyth, 415-972-3380 forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov or http://www.epa.gov/Region9/waste/solid/indianwaste.html
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*EPA 9 is partnering with the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) to offer course.



Sponsor: EPA and the American Lung Association

Mar 19-22	Tribal Indoor Air Training	San Carlos, AZ	Louise Hill, 415-947-4192 or hill.louise@epa.gov
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Sponsor: Nielsen Field School

Contact the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit the following Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com for course outlines, testimonials, course instructor information, or to register.

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

Jan 9-12	Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (Level 1)	Davis, CA	http://www.nau.edu/itep
Jan 23-26	Introduction to Tribal Air Quality (Level 1)	Lawrence, KS	http://www.nau.edu/itep
Jan 23-26	Tribal Basic Inspector Training	San Diego, CA	http://www.nau.edu/itep

ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for our courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840.

For a complete listing of course catalog, please go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator, 928-523-6887

Sponsor: National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

Feb 27-Mar 1	Clean Water Act / NPDES Technical Inspector Workshop	Denver, CO	Zena Aldridge, 740-773-4039. aldridge.zena@epa.gov
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EPA's NETI online training resource site provides access to course registration, training products, online classrooms, and e-mail updates. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten 202-564-7164; fax: 202-564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov or go to the following Web site for the most up-to-date list of enforcement and compliance courses offered: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com>.

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding through the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity announcement solicitation will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete takes a minimum of 15 days to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, you are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted> . Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

Department of Energy (DOE)

Financial Opportunities from the Western Regional Office, DOE, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

EERE financial opportunities for tribes are managed by the Golden Field Office and detailed on the Tribal Energy Program Web site. This program provides financial and technical assistance to tribes for feasibility studies and shares the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on tribal lands. For more information, go to: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.html>



Tribal Energy Program Student Internships

DOE's Tribal Energy Program is offering summer internships to Native American students who are interested in renewable energy and who are currently college upper-classmen or graduate students. To be considered for the 2007 summer program applications must be received by February 24, 2007. For more on the program, the eligibility requirements and an application, see <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/internprogram.html> or contact Sandra K. Begay-Campbell, 505-844-5418 or skbegay@sandia.gov .

The following are two funding opportunities for Federally-recognized tribes interested in energy efficiency and renewable energy:

First Steps to Develop Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands

For a copy of this announcement, paste the following Web site on your Browser: [http://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/0940ABC2766FCC80852571F700707223/\\$file/FOAGO96038FirstStepsRv1.pdf](http://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/0940ABC2766FCC80852571F700707223/$file/FOAGO96038FirstStepsRv1.pdf). Deadline is January 23, 2007.

Feasibility of Renewable Energy Projects on Tribal Lands.

Four million is expected to be available and up to 15 awards are anticipated. Submission deadline is February 6, 2007. For more information, contact James Damm at james.damm@go.doe.gov or go to: <https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/746C66B1BDB9A8DA852571F60061A3F8?OpenDocument>.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Brownfields Redevelopment

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities and non-profit organizations to provide educational outreach, training, research, and technical assistance to tribal governments that will increase their capacity to establish, manage, and administer Tribal CERCLA 128(a) Response Programs. Tribal entities are especially encouraged to apply. <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/07-05.pdf>. or contact Joseph Bruss at bruss.joseph@epa.gov. Closing date is January 26, 2007.



Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Related to Methamphetamine Contaminated Brownfield Sites in Indian Country

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities and non-profit organizations to provide educational outreach, training, research, and technical assistance to tribal governments regarding the assessment, cleanup, and remediation of methamphetamine contaminated labs in Indian Country. Tribal entities are especially encouraged to apply. <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/07-04.pdf> January 26, 2007.

Grant Funding Proposals on Lead-Based Paint

EPA is accepting proposals from federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribal consortia to support tribal educational outreach and to conduct a baseline assessment of tribal children's existing and potential exposure to lead-based paint and related lead-based paint hazards. Activities eligible for funding include educational outreach, data gathering, inspections, risk assessments, training, and/or development of new, innovative approaches to identifying or reducing lead poisoning. EPA is awarding grants providing approximately \$1 million to federally-recognized tribes to perform such activities and to encourage tribes to consider continuing such activities in the future. EPA anticipates that approximately 15-30 awards will be made. All proposals for grant funding are due to EPA on or before January 12, 2007. Contact, Darlene Watford, 202-566-0516 or watford.darlene@epa.gov (headquarters) or David Tomsovic, 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov (Region 9) or go to <http://epa.gov/lead/pubs/nofa2006.pdf> or http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/tribal_rfp_2006.pdf

2007 General Assistance Program (GAP) Grants

The Tribal Program Office, EPA, Region 9, has mailed the requests for GAP proposals for FY 2007 GAP Grant Cycle. Grant proposals must be received by January 19, 2007. Grant applications must be postmarked by April 27, 2007. For more information call your project officer or go to the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian>

2007 EPA Pesticides Environmental Stewardship Program

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs, in coordination with the EPA Regional Offices, has announced the availability of up to an estimated \$509,000 in FY2007 State and Tribal Assistance Grant monies to further the pesticide risk reduction goals of the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program. The Agency anticipates funding approximately ten projects, one per EPA Region, with a maximum funding level of approximately \$50,900 per project. All federally-recognized tribes are eligible. Proposed projects must address implementation of integrated pest management approaches that reduce the risks associated with pesticide use in an agricultural or non-agricultural setting. Proposals are due to the agency NLT January 12, 2007. For more information, visit the following Web site: http://www.epa.gov/opbbspd1/PESP/regional_grants/2007announcement.htm

Tribal Public Water System Supervision Source Water Assessment and Protection Program

This program provides funding to enable federally recognized tribes and eligible tribal consortia within the region that operate at least one public water system to assess any possible threats to their public drinking water supply sources and to develop protection measures to protect these sources against those threats. Approximately \$395,000 will be available and awards typically range from \$15,000 to \$60,000. No matching funds are required. Guidance is available on-line at: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/tribal/tribal-sdwa.html#swp>. Contact: Jamelya Curtis at (415) 972-3529 or curtis.jamelya@epa.gov for more information, or for a hard copy of funding guidance. Deadline for this program is January 16, 2007.

State & Tribal Response Program Funding Opportunity

Section 128(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, authorizes a noncompetitive \$50 million grant program to establish and enhance state and tribal response programs. These response programs address the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of brownfield sites and other sites with actual or perceived contamination. Requests for funding will be accepted from December 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007. The FY 2007 grant guidance will be posted in mid December.

For more information, go to the EPA Brownfields Web page: http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/state_tribal.htm or contact Betsy Curnow, EPA Region 9 State & Tribal Response Program Manager, 415-972-3093.

Tribal Grants Guidance to Promote Environmental Results

A new EPA publication will help Indian tribes design and implement successful water quality programs. The Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes sets goals and requirements for grant recipients and provides a framework for evaluating program results. The guidelines will help redefine how tribes implement the Clean Water Act to protect, restore, and maintain the integrity of the nation's waters. Contacts: (Media only) Dale Kemery, 202-564-4355 / kemery.dale@epa.gov (Other inquiries) Lena Ferris, (202) 564-8831 / ferris.lena@epa.gov For additional information on these grants to go: <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/106tgg07.htm>

Tribes, Climate Change and Environmental Stressors

EPA requests applications for Issues in Tribal Environmental Research and Health Promotion: Novel Approaches for Assessing and Managing Cumulative Risks and Impacts of Global Climate Change. Areas of interest include: 1) Impacts of Global Climate Change on the Cultural and Physical Health of Tribal Populations, and 2) Tribal Cumulative Exposure and Risks from Multiple Environmental Stressors. Three million is expected to be available; up to five awards are anticipated. Responses due January 23, 2007. For more information, contact Nigel Fields at fields.nigel@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2006/2006_star_tribal.html.

Working with the Chemical Strategies Partnership

EPA has funded the Chemical Strategies Partnership (CSP), an independent non-profit organization, to work with a tribe to evaluate opportunities to reduce chemical and waste costs. Anticipated benefits to the tribe include reducing costs, reducing hazardous and solid waste, and reducing toxic materials. CSP would like to select a tribe from Region 9 and is asking interested R9 tribes to please submit their interest. CSP is especially interested in tribes that may have multiple chemical-using operations in a centralized location. For more information, please contact Jeff Cole at 415-421-3405 x32 or jeff@chemicalstrategies.org

Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes, among others. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at meer.daniel@epa.gov.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve

wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at 415-972-3355 or email to: warren.carl@epa.gov

U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Other Funding Sources



Earthwatch Educator Fellowships

The Earthwatch Institute requests proposals from elementary, middle, and high school educators and administrators for Educator Fellowships. Earthwatch seeks adventurous, innovative science educators who have an interest in conservation, sustainability, and life-long learning. Participants work alongside leading field scientists on some of the most important environmental issues facing the planet today, like climate change and biodiversity. Fellowships cover on-site expedition costs. Due dates vary by location. For more information, copy and paste the following link: <http://www.earthwatch.org/site/pp.asp?c=dsJSK6PFJnH&b=393763>.

Water Conservation - California

The Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region requests proposals for the Water Conservation Field Services Program for projects in the Northern, South Central and Central California Area. This program supports activities that promote the preparation of written water management/conservation plans, demonstrate new or previously unknown water management technologies and practices, implement activities identified in written water management plans and promote improved understanding of good water use practices and principles. \$1 million is expected to be available and up to 70 awards are anticipated. Responses are due February 14, 2007. For more information, contact Maria E. Castaneda at mcastaneda@mp.usbr.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=11306>.

Mining-Impacted Indigenous Communities

The Indigenous Environmental Network and the Western Mining Action Network request proposals for the Indigenous Communities Mini-Grant Program. This program supports capacity building efforts of mining-impacted indigenous communities to assure that mining projects do not adversely affect human, cultural, and the ecological health within their traditional territories. Individual grants NTE \$2.5K. Responses are due February 2, 2007 and June 1, 2007. For more information, go to: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10004782/nativephilanthropy>

Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Program

Issues in Tribal Environmental Research and Health Promotion: Novel Approaches for Assessing and Managing Cumulative Risks and Impacts of Global Climate Change. For more information go to http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2006/2006_star_tribal.html

Environmental Fellowships

The Switzer Environmental Fellowship Program requests proposals from Graduate Students in New England (CT, MA, RI, VT, NH, or ME) and California whose studies are directed toward improving environmental quality and who demonstrate leadership in their field. Twenty fellowships are awarded annually at \$15K each. Responses are due January 11, 2007. For more information, go to: <http://www.switzernetwork.org/fellowship-overview.html>.

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling (916) 341-6316

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones (916) 319-8402 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call (800) 449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
For more information, call Jessica Counts (415) 972-3288.



The California Department of Water Resources

The 2007 Proposal Solicitation for Water Use Efficiency is a two step process. In Step 1, the applicant will submit (on-line) a concept proposal. Applicants with concept proposals meeting specific criteria and requirements will be asked to submit a detailed and full proposal for funding consideration. If you have any questions, please e-mail wue@water.ca.gov or 916-651-9666 or email baryohay@water.ca.gov

Employment Opportunities



Student Temporary Experience Program (STEP) in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota

Employment opportunities under the STEP are in the fields of archeology, biological sciences, firefighting, dispatch, land surveying, and park maintenance. To view STEP vacancy announcements, go to <http://www.mt.blm.gov/hrm/seep.html>. The application deadlines for STEP positions are in January and February.

Program Coordinator, Tribal Air Quality Program, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA), Inc.

ITCA seeks an administrator for project activities in accordance with EPA grants, which includes: developing and implementing work plan activities, preparing and monitoring program budgets, producing written and verbal reports, and coordinating and facilitating meetings, workshops and technical training sessions. Submit or FAX resume to: ITCA, 2214 North Central Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Attn: Bette Hartsfield, Human Resources Specialist or call 602 258-4822 or FAX 602-258-4825. This position will remain open until filled.

2007 Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnerships

Applications are being considered for AmeriCorps positions. The deadline for submitting resumes is January 15, 2007. These full-time AmeriCorps Service positions are for 11.5 months; beginning January 22, 2007 and concluding December 31, 2007. Applicants should email resumes (feel free to include community service/volunteer positions) with a 1-2 page cover letter. The cover letter should express why you are interested in the position, summarize your best qualifications, and indicate what you would hope to learn/experience over the course of the year. Email the resume and cover letter as attachments to: info@sierranevadaalliance.org

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians announces two employment opportunities.

Environmental Technician:

Under the direct supervision of the Tribal Hydro Geologist, incumbent will perform specific objective and work plan activities under established environmental grants. This position will perform a variety of field tasks in support of tribal environmental and development projects. Candidate must have three years field experience.

Senior Planner

This person will perform a selection of professional planning activities including: review of development and land use applications, zoning, research, site plan and environmental review. Applicant must have an advanced degree in city, urban or environmental planning, architecture, or a related field and two years experience in the field. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills.

If you are interested in either of the above positions please email your cover letter and resume to mgomez@aguacaliente.net or call (760)-883-1345 for more information

Environmental Coordinator

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for an environmental coordinator. The person hired will be responsible for the development, analyses, and coordination of the environmental and water departments. The ideal candidate must be able to work in a team environment and be a self-starter, with little supervision, must be computer literate (knowledge of Microsoft Office, GIS a plus), must have experience with analytical chemistry and/or microbiology, and must have excellent communication skills. The salary will depend on experience and this position will remain open until filled. Send your resumes to: Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, P. O. Box 846, Coachella, CA 92236 or email dsterling@augustinetribe.com

Miscellaneous Items



Tribal Resource Directory for Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment

This directory highlights more than 30 federal and non-federal programs that provide funding and technical assistance for tribal drinking water and wastewater systems. It is accessible by going to <http://www.epa.gov/owm/mab/indian/tribal-resource-directory.html>. The Web site features a simple search tool, program fact sheets, examples of tribal success stories, and allows printing of a pdf copy of the Directory. Hard-copies will be distributed widely to federally recognized tribes, EPA Regional Indian Coordinators, and tribal assistance providers. Copies of the Tribal Resource Directory (EPA 832-R-06-007) will also be available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications starting in mid-December. To order paper copies, call: 1-800-490-9198.



Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy of it, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

Logo Requests

Tribes interested in having their logo featured on the EPA Tribal Program Web site may email a copy to Tina L. Williams, GAP Project Officer at williams.tina@epa.gov. For questions, please call her at 415-972-3784. The electronic logs will be used only for display purposes on the EPA Region 9 Web site. To view logos featured, go to the following link: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

AIEO has published the first EPA Tribal Program Enterprise Architecture (TPEA) tribal data newsletter. The purpose for this quarterly newsletter is to publish information about the work of TPEA. AIEO hopes to develop partnerships with parties that are interested in sharing information and ongoing experiences with data collection

and information management. To view this newsletter click on <http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm> or to obtain copies email liu.ed@epa.gov or call 202-564-0287.

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov.

2006 "Tribal Water Quality Accomplishments" booklet now available

The Water Division, Tribal Office, with the help of Region 9 tribes, created a booklet which highlights the accomplishments of tribal water pollution control programs in the Pacific Southwest. Please visit our website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/tribal-cwa.html>, and click on the "NEW Tribal Accomplishments 2006" link under the "Water Pollution Control Program" section. If you have any questions/comments regarding this publication, contact Jared Vollmer at 415-972-3447, or email at vollmer.jared@epa.gov.

Internet system gives access to soil survey information

A new interactive web soil survey site now provides public access to soils information that contributes to every aspect of public and private land use and development. This site provides critical soils information for land developers, farmers, home buyers, and city planners. The Natural Resource Conservation Service has soils maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site will be updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information. To view the Web site go to <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook

In an effort to reduce scrap tire piles around the country, EPA and the state of Illinois have created the Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook, A Resource for Solid Waste Managers across the United States. It is estimated that more than 290 million tires are scrapped each year in the United States. While 80 per cent are being reused, millions have been accumulating in stockpiles over the past several decades. Large scrap tire stockpiles present a risk to human health and the environment. State, federal and local agencies have spent tens of millions of dollars over the past few decades responding to tire fires. The guidebook is rich with case studies highlighting many success stories. It can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/guidance>.

National Response Center (NRC):

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be

notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

Inspector Credentials

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or baranco.angela@epa.gov.

EPA Guidelines and General Guidance

A "how-to" guide for implementing EPA's Voluntary National Guidelines for Management of Onsite and Clustered (Decentralized) Wastewater Treatment Systems is final. The guide describes a step-by-step approach for the development of a community management program for decentralized wastewater systems. It includes specific community examples, gives an overview of the elements essential for sound management of these systems, and provides links to extensive resources. For more information go to:
<http://cfpub.epa.gov/owm/septic/guidelines.cfm#handbook>

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provides training to tribal governments on investigations of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at 415-972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>
http://www.wiyot.us/River_Summit.htm
http://www.iiirm.org/news/2006/news_october_2006.htm
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-b.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-c.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>
<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>